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Date: 8/7/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-771

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
08/07/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/06/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
1	A	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
1	B	One Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
1	C	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
1	D	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	24	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
2	PreK Mobile	Five Year Olds	3	26	C	24	NC	31	C	Story, Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 60			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 78							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up on previously cited rule violations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/07/2023

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Brianna Suggs, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(6) requires Center Staff to equip bathrooms with soap, toilet tissue and single-use towels or cloth towels used only once between launderings. Please be sure that the children in Building 2 continue to have access to paper towels as they cannot replace hand dryers.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2023

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on consultant's observation that thirty-five feet per child of usable space was not provided to the school age children present on August 7, 2023 in the classroom in Building 2. The classroom is licensed for twenty-two children and twenty-six children were present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Brooms and dust pans should not be kept in classrooms and insect repellent in the school age classroom should be removed from the area where art supplies are kept.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(7) requires that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas. Except in School-age Centers, interior Center door locks shall permit Personnel to open the locked room from outside of the room in an emergency. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the storage room in the classroom where school age children were housed was not locked. Consultant observed clearing materials including brooms, dust pans, vacuum cleaners, along with art supplies, a refrigerator and other items.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check that doors to unapproved rooms remain latched or locked and that Staff can open the locked rooms in an emergency.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the blue arch climber on the playground was not anchored properly and could be moved. Based on staff statements, the anchoring has been dislodged so that one side can be pulled up.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove or repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored.

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. Please be sure that provisions are made to ensure that there are no blind spots on the playground while in use. Consultant discussed with the owner her plans to add convex mirrors to the rear part of the play area behind Building 2. Additionally, the water dripping from the air conditioning unit mounted to the side of the building should be protected so that it is inaccessible to the children. The skirting around the outside of Building 2 should be monitored for any sharp edges in the worn skirting and ensure that it is anchored around the elevated part of the building as needed.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the changing pad was not cleaned and disinfected after a child's diaper was changed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on consultant's observation that a baby bottle was between the sink and surface used for diaper changing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will be trained, specified areas will be available for food preparation and placement of food-related items, and the director will monitor.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2023

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. Please be sure that the inside of the vehicle is cleaned and all items are secured prior to using it to transport children when the school year begins on August 9, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. Please be sure that a fire extinguisher is placed on the vehicle prior to transporting children on August 9, 2023 when school transportation begins.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023

Corrected on 8/7/2023

.36(7)(d)2. - Transportation logs for the last month of the previous school year were observed to be complete. Documentation for coming school year which will begin August 9, 2023, was discussed with director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Director provided three (3) files for employees hired since last visit and one (1) file for an employee who had been employed in August, 2022, but was not listed in the system.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of staff files and staff statements that Employee No. 7, who has been employed at the center and present with children since June 1, 2023, has not submitted to a fingerprint background check. A one-day letter was left with the center director.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of employee records that Employee No. 3, who was hired on August 3, 2023, and Employee No. 7, who was hired on June 1, 2023, did not have a background record on file and were present at the center caring for children on August 7, 2023. A one-day letter was left with the center director.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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Correction Deadline: 8/7/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023

Corrected on 8/7/2023

.09(1)(l)3. - Based on a review of employee records, the staff who had not renewed her background check once every five years, completed a background check on March 10, 2023.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Training cannot be evaluated for the current calendar year until after December 31, 2023. The previous rule violation was based on training for the 2022 calendar year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2024

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of staff files and staff statements that four of the five employees serving as lead teachers in the five classrooms had not obtained one of the required credentials.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2023

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023

Corrected on 8/7/2023

.32(1) - Staff to child ratios were observed to be met in each of the five classrooms.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023

Corrected on 8/7/2023

.32(7) - Adequate supervision was observed during the visit.